



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Commissioner

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Honorable Sheila Roberge, Chair
Public & Municipal Affairs
New Hampshire Senate
Room 103
Legislative Office Building
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: House Bill 1584 as amended, An Act relative to cemetery setbacks and septic systems

Dear Senator Roberge:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1584, a bill to assure that the locations of known burial sites or cemeteries are included on septic system plans submitted to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for review and approval. DES supports this legislation and suggests a minor amendment to make the proposed language more clear.

DES supports clearer requirements to ensure that septic system installations performed respect the location of known burial sites and cemeteries, and maintain reasonable buffers to those burial sites and cemeteries out of respect for deceased individuals and to assure continued access of families and friends to those sites.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment in support of this important legislation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call William E. Evans, P.E. at 271-3304 or me at 271-3449.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Nolin, Ass't. Comm.
For Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

cc: Representative Bickford